



The Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Sociologists study human behavior and experiences as they relate to the complex interaction among individuals, groups of people, and larger social systems within a society. Human behavior and experiences are greatly shaped by social systems and sociologists study how people both create and are influenced by such systems. Students who major in sociology will gain an ability to analyze and understand current social problems and promote social change. Students will acquire a broad understanding of sociology with special emphasis on the sociological perspective, social theory, and social research methods. Students in the program will develop abilities to explain the important influence of social structure, culture, human agency, and social processes on human behavior; to recognize continuing sources of social inequality; and to develop an awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity in a global world.

Sociology as a discipline is founded on a combination of academic rigor and social change that will help create leaders who are prepared to address current social problems. The BA in Sociology provides a challenging and well-rounded education that will serve as a solid foundation for students who pursue professional or graduate studies or who embark on careers after earning their baccalaureate degree.

Objectives

A central part of Monmouth's mission is a commitment to a strong liberal arts foundation. The University maintains a strong reputation for excellence in teaching and learning in an environment that is respectful of others. Students are prepared to assume leadership roles in today's increasingly complex and diverse world. A main aspect of

sociology is to understand social inequalities and diversities with the express interest of creating cultural understanding, respect, and equality. Furthermore, sociology students are encouraged to reach out to wider communities as exemplified by the work of students in the Sociology Club, who promote local social agencies and organizations, and bring key events and speakers to campus.

The Curriculum

Sociology majors at Monmouth University will benefit from small class sizes and individual attention from skilled faculty. In addition to the Experiential Education requirement, the sociology curriculum requires a one-credit course in civic engagement. This course encourages civic responsibility and leadership through active student involvement in a community or campus organization. The sociology curriculum also provides courses in "Structural Inequalities" and "Global Sociology" in order to promote learning about local as well as global communities. The flexibility of the sociology program allows students to pursue double majors, further helping Monmouth students to better compete in the current job market.

Relevant to Other Fields of Study

The BA in Sociology has relevance for, and contributes to many fields of study offered at Monmouth University. As a discipline devoted to the study of all types and levels of

social organization, sociology complements disciplines such as anthropology, communication, criminal justice, economics, political science, psychology, and social work. Sociology also complements business and marketing by helping students think critically about how best to manage personnel and economic organizations in a complex and diverse society. In addition, because sociology covers a breadth of substantive areas, including medical sociology and the sociology of sport, sociology is often attractive to students in health studies, natural sciences, and physical education. Furthermore, sociology often focuses on social welfare policy and is related in many ways to public policy studies.

Careers In Sociology

In addition to pursuing graduate studies, students who obtain a BA in sociology often go into helping professions, business, public sector, and not-for-profit sector positions. Employment opportunities include entry-level positions in administration, advertising, banking, counseling, advocacy work, community planning, health services, journalism, group and recreation work, marketing and market research, sales, human resources/personnel work, social services, and social research. Sociology majors often pursue careers in education, law, medicine, politics, public administration, social work, and business.

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- www.monmouth.edu

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